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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Housing Service

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Farm Service Agency

7 CFR Parts 2003 and 3570

RIN 0575-AC10

Community Facilities Grant Program; Correction

AGENCIES: Rural Housing Service (RHS), Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA.

ACTION: Correction to final regulations.

SUMMARY: The Rural Housing Service (RHS) corrects a final rule published June 17, 1999 (64 FR 32387). This action is to remove an incorrect amendment. Accordingly, the final rule is corrected to read as follows: On page 32388 in the third column, remove Amendment 3 and redesignate remaining amendments accordingly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 20, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Barton, Senior Loan Specialist, Community Programs Division, Rural Housing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0787, telephone (202) 720-1504.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

Jill Long Thompson,

Under Secretary Rural Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 77

[Docket No. 99-063-1]

Tuberculosis in Cattle and Bison; State Designations; California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are amending the tuberculosis regulations concerning the interstate movement of cattle and bison by raising the designations of California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico from modified accredited States to accredited-free States. We have determined that California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico meet the criteria for designation as accredited-free States.

DATES: This interim rule is effective October 14, 1999. We invite you to comment on this docket. We will consider all comments that we receive by December 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comment and three copies to: Docket No. 99-063-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road, Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. 99-063-1.

You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Bovine tuberculosis is a contagious, infectious, and communicable disease caused by *Mycobacterium bovis*. The regulations in 9 CFR part 77, "Tuberculosis" (referred to below as the regulations), regulate the interstate movement of cattle and bison because of tuberculosis. Cattle and bison not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis are eligible for interstate movement without restriction if those cattle or bison are moved from a State designated as an accredited-free, accredited-free (suspended), or modified accredited State. The regulations restrict the interstate movement of cattle and bison not known to be affected with or exposed to tuberculosis if those cattle or bison are moved from a nonmodified accredited State.

The status of a State is based on its freedom from evidence of tuberculosis in cattle or bison, the effectiveness of the State's tuberculosis eradication program, and the degree of the State's compliance with the standards contained in a document titled "Uniform Methods and Rules—Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication," which has been made part of the regulations by incorporation by reference. A State must have no findings of tuberculosis in any cattle or bison for at least 5 years to be designated as an accredited-free State. A State that reverts to modified accredited status from accredited-free status, due to the detection of tuberculosis in two or more herds within a 48-month period, is eligible to apply for the reinstatement of its accredited-free status following 5 years of freedom from evidence of tuberculosis and full compliance with the standards contained in the "Uniform Methods and Rules—Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication."

Before publication of this interim rule, California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico were designated in § 77.1 of the regulations as modified accredited States. However, California, Pennsylvania, and Puerto Rico now meet the requirements for designation as accredited-free States. The two States and Puerto Rico have been free of tuberculosis for at least 5 years, and